GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3212
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RAID BY CENTRAL EXCISE INTELLIGENCE ON GUTKA MANUFACTURERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Central Excise Intelligence has recently raided Gutka (Pan Masala) manufacturers and unearthed tax evasion of several crores of rupees in the past few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take further action against the manufacturers of Gutka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) Yes Sir. The Directorate General of Central Excise Intelligence has recently raided some Gutka (Pan Masala) manufacturers and unearthed tax evasion of several crores.

(b) The details of the cases booked in the current financial year 2007-08 (upto November, 2007) are given at annex`A`.

(c) and (d) On completion of the investigations, action as per the provisions of Central Excise Act, 1944 shall be taken against such manufacturers of Gutka who have been found evading central excise duty.